Secondary schools for SCs and STs

1357. SHRI TARIQ ANWAR:
SHRI V. HANUMANTHA RAO:

Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have plans to set up 200 secondary schools for SC/ST students in districts with a high population of SCs and STs;

(b) whether any survey has been done to determine the selection of such districts;

(c) if so, the names of districts selected in Andhra Pradesh, Maharashtra and Bihar;

(d) whether Government will also admit OBC students in such schools; and

(e) if not, reasons for excluding students from OBC communities?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRI MD. ALI ASHRAF FATMI): (a) to (e) There is no such proposal with the Ministry of H.R.D. at present.

Finishing schools in NITs

1358. SHRI K.P.K. KUMARAN: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether six institutions wtih the name Finishing Schools are going to be opened in the NITs at Tiruchi, Calicut, Suratkal, Warangal, Durgapur, Jaipur and Kurukshetra from the ensuing academic year;

(b) whether the spirit behind this venture is praiseworthy, the admission policy needs some change; and instead of fixing the aim towards the interest of industry, a social approach may be adopted by giving priority to the students from the rural background; and

(c) whether the time of starting the course will be changed after 6th semester instead of being after 7th semester?